

Social Action

LaRouche Madness

At its August meeting, the Board of Congregation Sha'ar Zahav unanimously approved a resolution condemning Proposition 64, the LaRouche initiative measure that would impose discriminatory sanctions against people with AIDS and many others in our community.

Congregation Sha'ar Zahav is working closely with the No on 64/San Francisco Community AIDS Network, the Jewish Community Relations Council, the Northern California Board of Rabbis and Congregation Ahavat Shalom to ensure that *all* Jews in Northern California are educated on the proposition. We are attempting to obtain written endorsements against the proposition from rabbis and synagogue boards throughout the Bay Area for use by the No on 64 Campaign and for inclusion in the *Northern California Jewish Bulletin*. Several members of Sha'ar Zahav have joined the speakers bureau against the initiative. We are encouraging other synagogues to use the bureau, as well as encouraging rabbis to speak on the proposition from the pulpit.

We hope you can help as well. There's much to be done:

1. Encourage *all* your friends, co-workers and family in California to vote No on Prop 64. Reasons include:

- Prop 64 will destroy our efforts to stop AIDS by driving the epidemic underground. People at risk will be unwilling to seek screening or medical care out of fear of being reported, quarantined or fired. Current confidentiality protections would be lost.

- Prop 64 is unnecessary and extreme as a public health policy. AIDS is not casually transmitted. No one is in danger of getting AIDS through air, food, mosquitoes, or the like. There is not *one* known case of AIDS transmission in a workplace, schoolroom or restaurant.

- Prop 64 has been estimated as costing taxpayers several *billion* dollars annually, depending on how all of its provisions

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L'shanah Tovah



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High Holiday Schedule

Slichot/High Holiday Workshop

Saturday, September 27

Workshop, 9:00 pm

Services, 11:30 pm

(at Sha'ar Zahav)

First Day Rosh Hashanah

Friday, October 3, 7:30 pm

Saturday, October 4, 10:00 am

Tashlich after morning services held at Fort Point

Second Day Rosh Hashanah

Saturday, October 4, 6:00 pm

Sunday, October 5, 10:00 am

(Both services at Sha'ar Zahav)

Yom Kippur

Sunday, October 12

Kol Nidre, 7:30 pm

Monday, October 13

Shacharit, 10:00 am

Yiskor-Ne'ilah, 5:30 pm

All services to be held at the Unitarian Center, Franklin & Geary Streets, except as indicated.

In the twilight of the old year and the dawn of the new, the members of Sha'ar Zahav offer a warm welcome to friends old and new who will join us to greet the year 5747. It is Sha'ar Zahav's great pleasure again to be celebrating the High Holidays together, as a congregation and as a community.

Preparation for *Yomim Noraim*, the Days of Awe, began during September, with Slichot services and the other observances in the month of Elul. The High Holidays proper will commence with our tenth consecutive Rosh Hashanah services, on October 3 and 4 at the Unitarian Center on Geary & Franklin streets. (See High Holiday Schedule for details.) Services will be led by Rabbi Yoel Kahn and the members of the Ritual Committee, and we will again be using prayerbooks written and published by our congregation. While contributions are traditional and necessary, once more we will be able to honor our custom of requiring no tickets and admitting everyone we can. However, non-members should be aware that in the past, Kol Nidre services have been standing room only, and early arrival is advised. (It wouldn't hurt if members came a little early too.)

The Unitarian Center is wheelchair accessible. Please call the Synagogue office to make reservations for childcare or to request signing for the hearing impaired. The front two rows on the far right of the Sanctuary are set aside for those with environmental illness and those not wearing scent.

Rosh Hashanah services will be followed by Tashlich services at Fort Point under the Golden Gate Bridge. After the service of casting our sins on the waters, we will have a *seudat mitzvah*—a do-it-yourself festive meal/picnic. Second day Rosh Hashanah services will be held at our Synagogue.

The Days of Awe continue for us on the Shabbat services between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur—Shabbat Shuvah

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What's Cookin'?

So, what's cookin' at this time of the year in the kitchens of Sha'ar Zahav? There are a whole lot of pots on the burners and the aroma from them all is highly appetizing. Each of the committees is cooking up something. Some dishes are more complicated than others and some may not turn out quite the way the original recipe intended. But our home is a sweet one and the work of the committees provides nourishment for us all. Here's a summary of some of the dishes you can expect.

- **Cookbook:** Lest you think this project simply boiled away, let me assure you it is very much alive and in the final stages of pre-printing production. We are looking for creative means to raise the approximately \$10,000 needed to print the book. Any suggestions out there?

- **Women's Conference:** Elsewhere you will find details of the planning for this event to be held in the Spring of '87. This is one of the most exciting and challenging projects that the women of the congregation have undertaken. We expect it to be an empowering and fulfilling weekend for the participants. The planning process itself is offering a marvelous opportunity for learning and leadership development.

- **Finance:** Having decided recently that we have grown up as a synagogue, it is now important for us to be planning for our future growth and stability. We are currently looking at creating an endowment fund and will be receiving advice from other synagogue leaders. It is also becoming rapidly evident that we will need our own in-house computer sometime in the next year. A word processor will dramatically reduce our secretary's work, leaving her more time to assist in administrative duties. Our Treasurer is currently using his own computer to maintain membership dues records as well as providing monthly financial statements. As we approach 300 members, all paying their dues at different times and in varying amounts, many submitting checks on a monthly basis, the task is becoming enormous. Our other Data Manager is currently maintaining our membership list on yet a different computer, along with all of the birthdays, yahrzeits, anniversaries etc. There's no question that we can become more efficient and use less volunteer time with a computer in our office.

- **Personnel:** The Board has unanimously agreed to renew Rabbi Kahn's contract

which terminates June 30, 1987. During his year with us, we have experienced growth, learning and a deeper spiritual understanding of our role as gay and lesbian Jews in the world today. He has helped the leaders in the synagogue gain insight and perspective on many issues. There's nothing we would like more than to be able to offer him a full time position with his new contract. Frankly, this is up to you—the membership. If everyone pays their fair-share dues and continues to support our events and programs as well as encouraging others to join us, we ought to be able to do this. A negotiating committee has been appointed (see Va'ad report), and we will be working over these next few months towards offering the best possible contract to Rabbi Kahn.

- **Membership:** The mystery of the missing name tags lingers on. Please check and make sure you haven't taken yours home. We are missing over 75 of these and it takes a lot of time and expense to replace them. Please, please return them to us.

While we continue to maintain the confidentiality of our mailing list, we will be soliciting the membership for consent to the use of names for a social membership list. There has been demand from the membership for such a list for two years. Keep reading the *Forward* for updates on this.

- **Bikkur Cholim:** This is more than a "chicken soup" committee. It's a serious group of committed people who are coming together to help our members who are sick, dying or may have lost a loved one recently or may need help in other ways. Please complete the interest inventory form and send it back to us.

- **Education:** Will we ever have a functioning library? Well, of course we will. Like so many projects this is just not as simple as it might seem. There is a plan, but it's a question of the right volunteers being available at the right times to implement it. We are working on this.

- **10th Anniversary:** Can you believe that next July 4 marks the 10th anniversary of our congregation? While we are not sure that we can promise a dazzling fireworks display or flotillas on the Bay, we certainly do expect there to be celebrations throughout the anniversary year. An ad hoc committee is working on our plans for this landmark event in our history.

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Treasurer's Alert

Many members have not returned their 1986/87 Dues Pledges. Without them, we cannot determine if we shall have sufficient funds to sustain our planned programs.

Thanks for attention to this at once. (Reminders were mailed at the end of August.)

—Jerry Rosenstein

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Therefore Choose Life

Last year, former CSZ treasurer David Stein wrote an article about tzedakah and our High Holiday appeals. Our congregation's fiscal needs remain critical this year, and we on the Forward editorial committee believe that a message worth saying once is worth saying again.

A friend called recently to ask if my synagogue charged for seats at High Holidays. With my usual sense of Sha'ar Zahav pride, I answered "No, we've never charged." "Wonderful!" she exclaimed. "Send me a schedule of services. And," she added after a pause, "I hope you don't ask for money and pledges during the services. It doesn't fit in with the holidays." This threw me a bit, since the Great High Holy Day Pitch had always "fit in" with my tradition, and I had to pause awhile before responding.

We all agree that the High Holidays are a time to reflect and to renew; a time to remember, to confess and to forgive; a time to ensure life. The liturgy builds up over 10 days so that at *Neilah*, we can once again choose life. Although we may come to High Holiday services as individuals, our choice of renewal is made by each of us as members of a community. We sit together as a community and our choice to renew ourselves is made as a community.

How do we back-up that choice of life for our community? All year long, the choices we make involve the performing of various mitzvot, the most important of which is tzedakah or righteousness through charity. Tzedakah is the mitzvah which will ensure that our community will survive. I can easily answer my friend, then, that it is not only traditional—but it is right—that at the season of renewal we remind ourselves of the importance of tzedakah. And what better way is there to back up our choice of life for our community than by making the Congregation both the avenue for and the beneficiary of our tzedakah. This will guarantee that our Congregation will continue to live so that we can gather together to renew our lives as a community year after year.

Sha'ar Zahav, as its first mitzvah of the New Year, offers High Holiday services. This act of tzedakah for the community costs about \$7000. A congregation of some 250 members rents space so that 1000 people can welcome the New Year and renew themselves at Yom Kippur. Sha'ar Zahav provides the rabbi and other service leaders, original liturgy, music,

onegs, sign interpretation and organizes childcare. Our temporary space for the High Holidays is transformed into a real House of Worship for all people. We do not sell seats. We do not auction honors. How then do we finance all this? Some of the cost is budgeted and is covered by dues paid by members. The remainder? In the past, a few members and visitors have helped underwrite this mitzvah, but those donations have come from only about 15%—truly only a few of those attending. It is time for each of us to share in the joy of performing this mitzvah.

Sha'ar Zahav performs its mitzvah by providing services. Each member of our community must perform their own mitzvah of providing for Sha'ar Zahav's continued existence. But have said that, how should each of us perform that mitzvah?

The answer can be found in the mystical tradition of Judaism. One of the remarkable things about Judaism is Hebrew, the letters of which represent not only certain sounds, but also carry specific numeral values. And, over the years, a mystical connection has grown up between certain words and the numbers those letters represent. Thus, *chai* can be translated literally as "life" and the sequence of letters spelling *chai* (chet-yud) can also stand for the number 18. The mystical connection between these two meanings of *chai* allows that all the meanings associated with *chai* as "life" are transferred to *chai* as the number 18, and all the properties of 18 are transferred to *chai* as "life."

At High Holidays, that relationship is especially powerful. We choose life during this season, and we choose tzedakah

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Holiday Services

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—the Sabbath of Repentance. We will have our usual Friday night services on October 10 as well as Shabbat morning services on October 11.

The season culminates with Yom Kippur services on October 12 and 13 at the Unitarian Center.

We join with other Jews throughout the world in wishing our friends—in wishing everyone—a year of health and peace. *L'shanah tovah tikatevu*: may all be inscribed for a good year!

High Holiday Blood Drive

On October 11, the Saturday between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, the Women's Havurah will sponsor the congregation's High Holy Days Blood Drive. It will be held at Irwin Memorial Blood Bank, Turk and Masonic Streets, between 10 am and 1 pm.

During this most important time of the year, when we examine our lives in all aspects, we have this opportunity to perform a real mitzvah and express our feelings of mishpacha.

While most men in the congregation cannot give blood, in the tradition of Sha'ar Zahav the Brotherhood will be there to nurture with baked goods, juice, music of the donor's choice via "walk-people" and warmth.

Now, when our congregation most needs to maintain this resource, we hope many women and their friends will take half an hour to donate.

For those of you attending the Shabbat Shuva Saturday morning service on the same day, here's an opportunity for another mitzvah. Following services a number of people will be conveying to Irwin Memorial to give blood and share an oneg.

L'shanah tovah.

—Marion Trentman,
Chair, Women's Havurah

Women's Welcome Table

The Women's Havurah will have a welcome table of special interest to women attending the High Holy Days services. Stop by for information on this year's Women's Havurah events.

There will be a calendar available listing the varied activities ranging from a Pre-Shabbat dinner, an evening of folk dancing, and a morning at the Magnes Museum...to a softball game, video movies, and a Solstice pool party.

A flyer on the exciting Women's Weekend Conference being planned for the Spring of 1987 will be available. Members of the Women's Havurah will be there to answer your questions and share their experiences of being a part of Sha'ar Zahav. A sign-up sheet will enable you to receive ongoing information. Do stop by.

Jonah and LaRouche

The word of the Eternal came to Jonah son of Amittai: "Go at once to Nineveh..." Jonah started out to flee from the Eternal's service.

On the afternoon of Yom Kippur, we will read about Jonah, the reluctant prophet. Jonah first flees from God's command, but ultimately accepts his task. He warns the city of Nineveh of its impending doom and, to his chagrin, he succeeds. Nineveh repents, and its threatened destruction is averted. Jonah is bitter—if the terrible prophecies do not come true, what need is there for the prophet?

Because Jonah eventually agrees to accept his mission, and succeeds, the destruction does not happen. The story, after all, is about the possibility of *teshuvah*. But what if Jonah had successfully evaded his responsibilities? What then would have been the fate of Nineveh?

California is faced with a tremendous danger, but it can be averted. I would like to believe that Proposition 64, the AIDS Quarantine Initiative, does not stand a chance of passage. It is cruel, costly, unnecessary and sponsored by a disreputable extremist politician. No important figure or organization has come out behind the LaRouche Initiative, and most have announced their opposition. So why worry?

Polls published in early September report that more than 50% of Californians have not yet decided how to vote on this initiative, and another 14% are definitely voting yes. Fear of transmission, based on misinformation or ignorance, is a major motivating factor. A massive campaign to inform voters is essential.

What have you done to stop Proposition 64? Have you called your friends? Talked to your co-workers? Distributed literature up and down the block? Everyone can make a contribution: begin with wearing a button wherever you go, and continue with phone calls, leafletting, and getting out the vote. When you read this edition of the *Forward*, there will be less than a month to defeat the LaRouche Initiative.

There are other things we would all rather be doing. People who are ill need our attention and care. The bereaved need our comfort; the worried, our reassurance. This campaign will necessarily drain valuable resources from more constructive tasks. It is another battle in a

long series—Briggs, AB-1, Anita Bryant, New York City, Seattle, Massachusetts... our long fight to secure our civil rights continues, as we find our freedom to live in peace and dignity is endangered.

Jonah was a stranger to the city of Nineveh, but he came to accept his responsibility towards the people there. Proposition 64 directly threatens us, and our loved ones, and our neighbors. Will we accept our responsibility?

In San Francisco, contact: SF CAN—621-1145; in the East Bay, call CALM—549-2256.

—Rabbi Yoel Kahn

Fall Semester Begins

October 7 marks the beginning of the fall session of classes sponsored by the Sha'ar Zahav Education Committee. Rabbi Kahn will continue the popular "A Jewish Look at the Five Books." This fall the class will examine and discuss portions from the Books of Exodus and Leviticus. This 10-week class meets 7:30 pm Tuesday nights at the Shul.

Following this class at 8:45 (also at the shul) will be a second 10-week Tuesday night class led by Rabbi Kahn. "Prayer and Liturgy of the Synagogue" will delve into why we pray and what Judaism has to teach about the meaning of prayer as well as examining the liturgy of Shabbat services.

A new and exciting class on ritual, "Creating a Jewish Home Life," to be led by Leslie Bergson, will spend 10 weeks exploring traditions, practices and values that go into living a Jewish life. Come share experiences and develop personally meaningful rituals. Enrollment is limited to 15. Class will meet Wednesdays at the shul at 7:30 pm.

For further information and registration please contact the synagogue office.

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Va'ad Report

The Va'ad met on Monday, September 8, with a full complement of officers and Va'ad members present. After President Irene Ogus opened the meeting, she invited Eric Keitel to report on the resounding success of the Western Regional Conference of Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Jews at Camp Swig. Eric first acknowledged the many CSZ members who contributed their efforts towards its success. In addition to describing the events of the weekend, he was happy to report that surplus funds from the conference will be donated to the No on 64 campaign. Irene noted that a Women's Conference at Camp Swig is being planned for the last weekend in March.

She then described the recommendation of the Personnel Committee and the Executive Committee for Rabbi Kahn's contract renewal. The Va'ad approved unanimously to appoint a negotiating committee to renew the rabbi's contract. President Irene Ogus, Vice President Richard Inlander, Treasurer Jerry Rosenstein, and former President Don Albert, will comprise the negotiating committee.

In his Treasurer's report, Jerry Rosenstein said that letters to CSZ members who had not renewed their pledges were sent, and he was gratified that he has begun to receive responses. Jerry said he believes we will reach our budget goal for dues this year.

Rabbi Kahn prefaced his report by expressing the hope that we will have a better High Holiday season this year, by praying less and listening more, and by not letting pass opportunities to listen to our own good advice and that of others. Rabbi Kahn reported he is busily engaged in plans for the High Holy Days. He remains interested in hearing further comments and suggestions about the participation of women in services at CSZ, and would also like to get feedback about guests giving sermons.

Robin Leonard, chair of the Membership Committee, presented four new membership applications, which were accepted with the Va'ad's unanimous approval. The Membership Committee itself now has a number of new members, Robin reported. She also noted that the Membership Committee and David Gass are producing a new brochure describing Sha'ar Zahav, which will be ready by High Holidays.

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Rave Reviews For Camp Swig Weekend

One hundred and thirty five gay, lesbian and bisexual Jews from the Western United States gathered at Camp Swig, in Saratoga, California, over Labor Day Weekend. The occasion was the first Western Regional Conference, aptly titled "Being Together." The event was co-sponsored by Sha'ar Zahav and Ahavat Shalom of San Francisco, Beth Chayim Chadashim of Los Angeles, Tikvah Chadashah of Seattle and Ahavat Tsion of Sacramento.

From the opening note of the blessing over the Shabbat candles on Friday evening, to the closing chorus of Oseh Shalom on Sunday afternoon, the beautiful setting, the wonderful programming, and the feeling of mishpacha made the weekend truly special for everyone attending.



come back to the positive aspects of being a yente, while leaving the negative stereotypes behind.

Saturday morning services were led by members of Beth Chayim Chadashim. Rabbi Yoel Kahn delivered a moving sermon on "The Exodus as a Coming Out Story."

Other highlights of the weekend included an inspiring outdoor Havdalah service on Saturday evening led by members of Ahavat Shalom. At the conclusion of this service, an impassioned plea for the No on 64 Campaign was made and the pushke was passed. A rousing disco dance followed, with all beer and soft drink proceeds also going towards the fight against Proposition 64. As a result of these fundraising activities, over \$500 was raised in the fight against the LaRouche campaign.

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Highlights of the event included an inspiring Shabbat evening service in Camp Swig's renowned Naymark Chapel, surrounded by ancient redwood trees. CSZ members Jonathan Funk and Susan Unger led the service, along with Harvey Bartnof, who provided guitar accompaniment, and the ever-popular Sha'ar Zahav Ensemble and Hallel Brothers. Rabbi Janet Marder of Beth Chayim Chadashim spoke about the concept of the "yente," and how in ancient times the yente was highly regarded as a noble individual who inquired about others for purposes of coming to their aid. Rabbi Marder noted that the "yente" concept has received much bad press in recent times (except in the *Forward*, of course), and encouraged us to



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Va'ad Report (Continued from page 4)

Social Program chair Shirley Liberman said the committee is delighted to have secured a hall at Sherith Israel for the Chanukah party. She described the recommendations that the Social Program committee made for this year's Chanukah party.

Sha'ar Zahav's UAHC Liaison, Mike Rankin, noted the upcoming Social Action Conference in San Mateo; the Panel on AIDS and LaRouche on which CSZ members are participating; the regional biennial in San Rafael to be held in February; and the national biennial in Chicago to be held in October. Mike will speak at Friday evening services at Temple Beth

El in Salinas the last week in October.

The Va'ad carefully considered Irene's motion to create a social list of Sha'ar Zahav members, which would be available only to members. It would consist only of information about members who explicitly have expressed their wish to be included in the list, the purpose of which is to facilitate communication among members of Sha'ar Zahav. Eric moved to make the list available at five dollars a copy. The Va'ad approved both motions.

Social action chair Ami Zusman reported that Ron Lezell is heading Sha'ar Zahav's efforts against Proposition 64. She noted that the Jewish Community

Relations Council has been supportive of CSZ's efforts, pointing out a letter from Rabbi Sparer as an indication, and reported there is enormous interest from CSZ members in what they can do to assist the SFCAN/Stop LaRouche campaign and other organizations. The Supreme Court Forum at Sha'ar Zahav in September will have a full panel of speakers representing various points of view. Ami also said that sanctuary efforts are continuing; CSZ members raised over \$250 in the Walk-a-Thon, and the San Francisco Jewish Sanctuary Coalition has raised several hundred dollars through the sale of Rosh Hashanah cards.

The Va'ad ended its meeting by singing Oseh Shalom.

—Ben Schalit, Recorder

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Free Photography Lessons!

After one year of shooting photos for the *Forward*, other obligations force me into early retirement. I retire with regret because being on the Newsletter Committee has been fun! Last fall, I was a new member of the congregation and didn't know anyone. As the newsletter photographer, I met *everyone*. I shot big events and small, adults and children, portraits and action shots. I even looked forward to newsletter committee meetings with a great group of people.

Does this kind of life sound interesting to you? If you're a new member and want to meet people, if you're an old hand and are feeling out of touch, if you've been looking for a way to plug in as a volunteer, if you're an amateur photographer and want to practice, this is your golden opportunity! The newsletter needs a new photographer, or several. For a limited time only, if you act now, you can receive two free photography lessons from the outgoing photographer. Contact the committee by calling Alex at 431-7541 or Bob at 641-9111.

Bye bye.

—Laurie Davis

Classified Ad

TALKATIVE CONGREGATION MEMBERS needed to volunteer interview for documentary video. Phone 381-4906 (Steffan Powers) to express interest.

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Rosh Hashanah 2nd Day		Classes 7:30 & 8:45pm	Class 7:30 pm Soviet Vigil Green & Baker 11:30am	Social Action Comm. 7:30pm	Services, 8:15pm	Morning Services 10:30am Blood Drive Turk & Masonic 10am-1pm
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Kol Nidre See High Holiday Schedule	Yom Kippur Yizkor	Classes 7:30 & 8:45pm			Erev Sukkot Services 8:15pm	1st Day Sukkot
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2nd Day Sukkot Class 10am Service & Potluck 424 Central, 6:30pm		Classes 7:30 & 8:45pm	Class 7:30pm		Services & Simchat Torah Observance 8:15pm	Simchat Torah Services, 10:30am
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Ritual Calendar

Friday, October 3

Saturday, October 4

Sunday, October 5

Rosh Hashanah

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Friday, October 10

Shabbat Shuva (Sabbath of Return)

Parshah: Va-Yelekh, Deut. 31:1-30

Haftarah: Hosea 14:2-10;

Micah 7:18-20; Joel 2:15-17

Saturday, October 11

Shabbat Shuva

Morning Service, 10:30 am

Rabbi Yoel Kahn

Sunday, October 12

Monday, October 13

Yom Kippur

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Friday, October 17

Sukkot Service

Parshah: Leviticus 22:26-23:44;

Numbers 29:12-16

Haftarah: Zech. 14:1-21

Daniel Chesir

Sunday, October 19

Sukkot Celebration, 424 Central Ave.,
S.F., 6:30 pm

Services and Pot Luck Dinner

Friday, October 24

Erev Simchat Torah

Parshah: Deut. 14:22-16:17;

Numbers 29:35-30:31

Haftarah: I Kings 8:54-66

Ritual Committee and Friends

Saturday, October 25

Simchat Torah, 10:30 am

Ritual Committee and Friends

Friday, October 31

Parshah: Genesis 1:1-6:8

Haftarah: Isaiah 42:5-43:10

Leslie Bergson and Steve Greenberg,
Services

Rabbi Yoel Kahn, Sermon

Birthdays

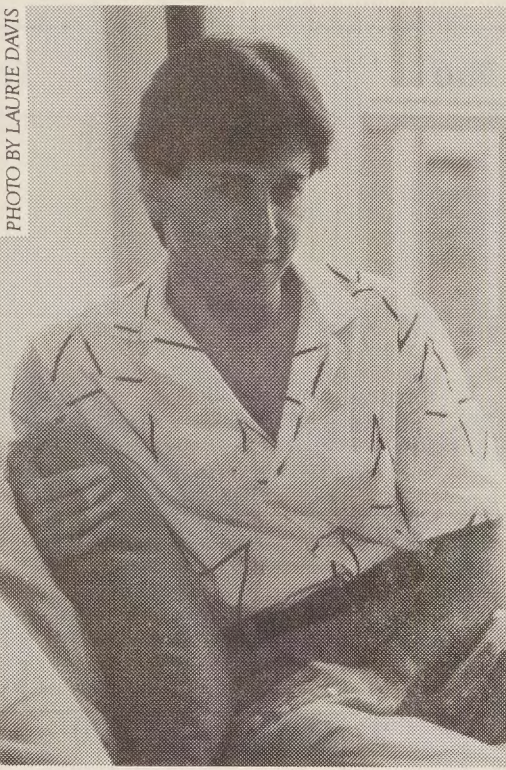
- 2 Sharyn Saslafsky
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- 13 Robert Simon
- 13 Wendy Weiss
- 13 Joshua Rose
- 13 David Gellman
- 14 Michael Bettinger
- 20 Don Berger
- 20 Ron Moskowitz
- 20 Bernard Pechter
- 21 Aaron Stern
- 21 Chuck Norton
- 22 David Lambert
- 27 Jane Stone
- 28 Rabbi Yoel Kahn
- 29 Allan Berenstein
- 30 Shelley Fernandez
- 31 Joel Paul

Kipp Leyser

Kipp Leyser has successfully made volunteering into recreation. He says there's "lots of joy in singing in harmony" and so, he joined the Sha'ar Zahav ensemble. However, before he could join the ensemble he was required to join the temple and that's how Kipp became a member of our family.

Most people remember him as the goodlooking guy who co-narrated last year's Purim play with Nancy Meyer. He remembers the Purim play as one of the highlights of last year. Working on the play was a continuation of the singing, dancing and acting that he's been doing since third grade. As a Bay Area native, he has always taken advantage of this region's great cultural resources by participating in all phases of production of musicals done by many local schools and

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community groups. An example of his versatility is how he used his background in fashion merchandising to help out with the makeup and costumes backstage for *Polyester*. He says it was so much fun that he can't wait to participate in next year's play.

The acting and singing side of Kipp is apparent in his volunteer activities. What isn't so apparent is the serious and scholarly side of his life. Kipp has several degrees, both undergraduate and graduate. He's just finished his M.A. in psychology and is looking for a position with a forward-thinking firm where he can work on training and development in a corporate setting. He refers to his career path as "organizational transformation."

His people orientation shows up in all facets of his life. Now he's joining the Membership Committee because he's very excited about Sha'ar Zahav as a community and likes greeting and getting to know new people. He sees an ease and beauty at our shul in the way people relate to each other, and feels that Sha'ar Zahav brings out some of the best in people. He is especially pleased at the quality of the interaction between men and women.

It's been easy for Kipp to make our home, his home. The sense of community he's found with us is reminiscent of the childhood Jewish community centered around his family's shul, Temple Beth Abraham in Oakland. He remembers with fondness the family atmosphere and the friends he made there. Now as an adult, he has a new Jewish community where he is free to express all the different sides of himself. If you want to meet him, he can be found "singing in harmony" with a great group of people called the "Sha'ar Zahav Ensemble."

—Laurie Davis

No on 64 (Continued from page 1)

are interpreted by courts and health departments.

- Lyndon LaRouche and his followers are not qualified to determine public health policy. LaRouche is an extremist with fantastic conspiracy theories about world problems, including AIDS. He has a long history of anti-Semitic, racist and anti-gay positions.

- No Californian would be immune to the discriminatory effects of Prop 64.

2. Volunteer your time to the No on 64/San Francisco Community AIDS Network, 130 Church Street, 621-1145, or to Californians Against the LaRouche

Measure, 1915 Bonita Street, Berkeley, 94703, 549-2256. They need your help.

3. Contribute money to the No on 64 Campaign. They need your dollars to counter the millions which LaRouche is channeling into this campaign.

4. Call the Sha'ar Zahav office to add your name to the list of synagogue members willing to do some last-minute work (phone calling, canvassing, etc.).

Let's defeat Proposition 64.

—Ron Lezell,
Social Action Committee

We, the Board of Congregation Sha'ar Zahav, wish to be on record opposing the LaRouche initiative which will appear on the November 1986 ballot in California as Proposition 64. This initiative, if passed, would require reporting of the names of persons suspected of being exposed to the AIDS virus, possible internment and house arrest of those exposed to the virus, forced firing of food handlers and health workers, and forced expulsion of students and teachers who are suspected to have been exposed to the virus.

The American Medical Association has stated that the AIDS virus can only be spread through intimate sexual contact or

blood. Lyndon LaRouche and his followers are not qualified to determine public health policy. California law currently has methods of handling the spread of communicable diseases.

This unnecessary and extreme initiative is an invasion of the rights, liberties and privacy of all Californians. It would cost the California taxpayers billions of dollars each year to implement. Because of this, current education and research efforts to stop AIDS would be destroyed.

We urge the members of Congregation Sha'ar Zahav and the wider community to work and vote against Ballot Proposition 64.

Resolution passed by the Board of Sha'ar Zahav, August 11, 1986.

Where'd You Get That Faaabulous Shirt?

If you would like to own a Sha'ar Zahav T-shirt or sweatshirt, just call the synagogue office and place an order with Jacqueline or pick up an order form at Friday night services. T-shirts and sweatshirts come in sizes small, medium, large and extra large. The sweatshirts run small so it might be wise to order one size larger than you usually do. The T's are \$10 and sweats are \$15, plus an additional \$1 for postage and handling.

To her friends, her readers,
her questioners, and
especially her editors:
Zi gezint!
Aunt Yente

L'Shanah Tovah
to our members, family
and friends
Rabbi Yoel H. Kahn

May the honey-pot of
the High Holidays be ever
available to all our friends
throughout the year.
Alex and David

Best wishes for peace, love,
health and happiness
in the New Year.
Michael Bettinger

May this be your
beautiful year
Gordon Osser

To our Sha'ar Zahav Family
L'Shanah Tovah
With much love,
Marilyn and Nancy

To all our members,
large and small —
A Happy New Year
to you all!
Irene and Rosalinda

L'Shanah Tovah to all the
members and friends
of our congregation
Don Albert

Dear Bob,
Glad you're a part of my
old year and new year.
Love,
Jay

The Post High-Holiday Holidays

If you think Sha'ar Zahav's Ritual Committee tires out after Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, then you don't know us! On Friday night, October 17, our regular Friday night service will include special prayers and ceremonies to welcome Sukkot. Then, on Sunday night, October 19, we will hold our annual Sukkot potluck at the home and Sukkah of Allan Gold and David Gass, 424 Central Avenue, San Francisco, at 6:30 pm.

Please bring a dish according to the following list: If your last initial is A-C, please bring dessert; D-I, beverages; J-S, salads; T-Z, entrees.

Because the Simchat Torah holiday falls on Shabbat, we will have two Simchat Torah services; the first on Friday night, October 24 at our regular Friday night services, and the second on Saturday, October 25 at our monthly Shabbat morning services. Both services will include the Hakafot (Torah processions) and dancing. Don't miss our non-sexist Simchat Torah flags!

We hope to welcome you at all of these festivities. Shanah Tovah!

New Members

The Membership Committee is pleased to announce that our Congregation gained more new members in September. A warm welcome to the latest people to join our family:

Amy Blasenheim
Elaine Dobbis
Richard S.
Tom Shafer

New members are welcomed and honored at Friday night services on the last Friday of the month. By making them feel a part of our family, we can all help to show our new members that they have a valuable place at Sha'ar Zahav.

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Women's Weekend

Sometimes, Jewish women feel alienated from the religion they were brought up in, their experience often not reflected in Jewish literature. Their history, as women, is all but lost, and this in a culture that treasures historical memory. When they come to Friday night services, even at Sha'ar Zahav, it may appear that the congregation is made up mainly of men. But Sha'ar Zahav is committed to incorporating more female members and more importantly, increasing its sensitivity to the special needs and experiences of Jewish lesbians.

To that end, the Women's Havurah is sponsoring a weekend event for Jewish lesbians during the last weekend of March 1987. Workshops at this conference/re-treat will cover such topics as: what if women had written the Bible; honoring our Jewish foremothers; intergenerational relations between lesbians; Jewish music; the role of the cultural Jew—just to name a few.

Be sure to stop by the Women's Welcome Table at High Holy Day services and add your name to our mailing list so we can keep you up to date on what's happening with this project.

Recycling Benefits AIDS Organizations

We all know the environmental benefits of recycling. Now, thanks to a program sponsored by the City and County of San Francisco, when we recycle glass, aluminum and newspapers at two city recycling centers, the proceeds can be contributed directly to the San Francisco AIDS Foundation and the Shanti Project. When you take your items to the Safeway parking lot at Market and Duboce (open Mon.-Fri. 10 am-1 pm, Sat.-Sun. 10 am-3 pm, Wed. & Fri. 4:30-5:30 pm) or the West End of Kezar Stadium at Frederick and Arguello (open every day, 9 am-4 pm), tell them you want the proceeds to go to these organizations. You will receive a receipt acknowledging your contribution and the amount. For more information, contact the SF Recycling Program at 558-2361.

Remember

to keep us up to date. If you've moved, changed your name, have a new phone number, or wish to add a listing to our yearzeit or anniversary records, please call or write the synagogue office.

President's Column

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• **Ritual:** The Ritual Committee is hard at work right now preparing the grandest feast of our ritual year—High Holidays. We hope you will all be joining us again at our Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur services.

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Does all this whet your appetite? We hope so. The ingredients are the finest and the love and care that the chefs put into the dishes are without limit.

May you and your loved ones enjoy a happy, peaceful and healthy New Year. L'shanah Tovah.

—Irene Ogus,
President

Calendar for 5747

November 1986

- Congregational Meeting
- 2 Simchat Torah Fair & Rally
- 15 Women's Havurah
Havdalah & Potluck

December 1986

- 7 Women's Havurah
Game Night
- 16 Last class of Fall semester
- 26 Chanukah Service (1st Candle)
- 27 Chanukah Party

January 1987

- 16 Women's Havurah
pre-Shabbat dinner

February 1987

- 15 Women's Havurah
Folk Dancing
- 27 -March 1
Regional UAHC Conference

March 1987

- 14 Erev Purim Service
- 21 Women's Havurah
Video Night

April 1987

- 12 Women's Havurah
Magnes Museum Docent Tour
- 13 Erev Pesach (1st Seder)
- 14 Community Seder (2nd Night)
- 26 Yom Hashoah Service

May 1987

- Congregational Meeting/
Elections
- 17 Women's Havurah
Softball Game/BBQ
Lag B'Omer Service

June 1987

- Parade
- Installation of Officers
- 2 Erev Shavuot Service & Potluck
- 21 Women's Havurah
Solstice Pool Party

July 1987

- Leadership Advance

August 1987

- 4 Tisha B'av

September 1987

- 23 Erev Rosh Hashanah
(10/2-Kol Nidre)

Office Notes

Sha'ar Zahav, through the UAHC, is affiliated with the World Union for Progressive Judaism. There are World Union member congregations in 21 countries around the world. If you are planning a trip abroad, the synagogue office has a list of congregations in Europe, Africa and South America.

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A number of items are available through the synagogue office. CSZ T-shirts and sweatshirts are priced at \$10 and \$15, respectively. Jewish New Year cards produced by the Jewish Sanctuary Coalition cost \$4 for a packet of 10 and Jewish calendars for 5747 can be purchased for \$7. Also available are free forms for Durable Power of Attorney for Health Care.

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We thank David Gellman for his contribution of new phones for the synagogue office.

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Planning to visit Israel? The Society for the Protection of Personal Rights, the major gay group in Israel, maintains a hospitality hotline, staffed by speakers of Hebrew, English and French. These phone numbers, and a mailing address, may be obtained by calling the synagogue office.

—Jacqueline Letalien

"A place and a name in my own house"

Yad Vashem, the Holocaust Martyrs and Heroes Remembrance Authority in Israel, is collecting testimony from survivors of the Holocaust on family and friends who were murdered by the Nazis. Yad Vashem wishes to contact as many witnesses as possible to provide information on two million Jews about whom they have no information.

If you or someone you know would like to participate, forms are available in the CSZ office or from the Israeli Consulate at 693 Sutter Street, San Francisco 94102 or call 775-5535. (Forms are available in Hebrew, Yiddish, French, German, Russian, Spanish and Hungarian, as well as in English.)

Contributions

Sha'ar Zahav welcomes all contributions, of all sizes, to mark any event, and to any of our funds. Contributions will be acknowledged in the *Forward* unless requested otherwise.

Donations were made to Sha'ar Zahav's funds in past months by the following contributors:

General Fund

Walt Leiss, in memory of Zelig Rozenberg
Walt Leiss, in honor of Irene Ogus's presidency

Jane Stone & Pro Provan, in honor of the 11th anniversary of Leila & Catherine, exceptional women and an exceptional relationship

Bernard Pechter, for the speedy recovery and continued good health of Manny Rahatiner

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Don Albert, in memory of Charlotte Lucas, mother of George Lucas; in memory of Harold H. Lindner

Betty Kalis, wishing Walt Leiss a speedy recovery

Allen Brandstein, in honor of Tom Kernkamp's speedy recovery

Mike Rankin, in memory of Elaine Meyer Minsky

Sam Thal

Gordon Osser

Steve Elman, in honor of Allan Gold's birthday; Leila Raim & Catherine Wisniewski's anniversary; Aaron Cooper & Eric Keitel's anniversary; Dan Chesir & Stefan Rowniak's new flat

Beefeater Foundation

Richard Inlander, in honor of Adam Inlander's confirmation & Ethan Inlander's graduation; the Executive Committee; Sen Talley passing her motorcycle license exam; Jennifer Webb's graduation; Justine Webb's graduation; Betty Kalis; Jay Feinstein's birthday; the Congregation; in appreciation of Rabbi Yoel Kahn; in honor of Allan Gold's 40th birthday; Sen Talley's 40th birthday; Adam Inlander's 16th birthday; Paul Cohen's birthday; in memory of Susan Caldwell Evans; wishing Gary Nelson a speedy recovery

Sen Talley, in memory of Glen Price's mother and David Kotch

Joyce Amburgey, in memory of brother Eugene Childress

Bernard Pechter, in honor of Barbra & Bernard Osher; wishing a speedy recovery to Margot Parke; in memory of Mary Kuskey, mother of Pamela Kuskey

David Stein & Alex Ingersoll, in honor of all CSZ athletes in the Gay Games; Eric Keitel & his committee for planning the Western Regional Conference of WCGLJ

Library Fund

Russell Kassman, in honor of Cheryl Orvis's birthday

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Patrick Healey

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Camp Swig *(Continued from page 5)*

In addition to services and schmoozing around the pool, conference participants had the opportunity to attend 21 different workshops that were held throughout the weekend. Torah Study, AIDS, family relationships, liturgy, intimacy and communication were just some of the topics discussed.

Many people worked hard to make the weekend a resounding success. Eric Keitel, Conference Coordinator for Sha'ar Zahav, worked tirelessly throughout the weekend. Numerous other Sha'ar Zahav members helped, including Harvey Bartnof, Leslie Bergson, Aaron Cooper, Sue Douglass, Ellen Elias, Ralph Frischman, Jonathan Funk, Bill Goldstein, Susan Greenspan, Neil Hart, Jill Rose, Ben Schalit, Nanci Stern, Sen Talley, Susan Unger, Dana Vinicoff, and of course Rabbi Kahn.

As people left the serenity of the camp on Sunday afternoon, there was already talk of making the event an annual tradition, so for those of you who missed out this year, stay tuned.



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So Ask Aunt Yente

Dear Aunt Yente,

I get confused. Is Yom Kippur a happy day, a sad day, or what?

Ruminating on Randall

Dear Ruminating,

Yes.

This is not one of Aunt Yente's funny answers; instead, she's only agreeing with you. Yes, Yom Kippur is sad; yes, it is happy; yet it is other things: solemn, excited, introspective, communal, hungry... And yes, you're probably confused (but that's why you have your Aunt Yente).

So at the shul Aunt Yente went to when she was a little person, so people would wear white robes, called kittels, on Yom Kippur, and always someone would give an explanation. (You can guess who did the most explaining as long as Aunt Yente was around.) The white kittel is the color of celebration, and we wear it on Yom Kippur to celebrate because our sins are forgiven; the white kittel is like a shroud, and we wear it on Yom Kippur to remind us that we deserve to die unless we are forgiven. We fast and avoid from other pleasure on Yom Kippur to afflict our souls, so we feel pain for our sins; we fast and avoid from earthly pleasure on Yom Kippur so we can for one day of the year feel like angels, not worrying about what our bodies want, almost pure *neshomos* on the face of the earth.

So as Aunt Yente said before, yes. Our religion is thank God not so poor that for each tradition we can't afford to have more than one meaning; and if you don't think you can be happy and sad at the same time, you've never eaten one of your Aunt Yente's matzoh balls while realizing that it was the last one in the pot.

Actually, this is a very good example for your Aunt Yente to use, because life itself is like a last, delicious matzoh ball. What could make us happier than knowing that we're alive, and have a new year before us with all the possibilities of life? What could make us sadder than knowing that, *nebbech*, we and our friends are going to die, and each past year is more possibilities used up? Yes. If we thought about this all the time, it would make us *mishuga*, so we think about matzoh balls instead; but on Yom Kippur we don't have matzoh balls to distract us.

Aunt Yente usually cries sometimes during Yom Kippur. There are so many things she did or didn't do, so many things that happened that a million Yom Kippurs won't let her go back and change; and to become the person she wants to be, time is so short. But how can some of her tears not be from joy? Because with all the complaining people say Aunt Yente does (this is *not true*), you know what? Aunt Yente really likes living. On Yom Kippur sometimes she can't keep her joy that on this day, between her and God, they'll work something out so her life after Yom Kippur can be better and more worthwhile than her life before. Yes.

For Aunt Yente, the most important words in the High Holiday *davenning* comes from where it talks about the Book of Remembrance, and how each person's story is written there. There it says *v'chosem yad kohl ohdohm bo*—the seal of each person's own hand is there. We write the stories of our own lives, and sometimes, *takke*, they're not always so nice to read; but Yom Kippur tells us that the next chapter doesn't have to be like the one before. Or to return to what Kierkegaard would call a more haimish metaphor,

there are still more matzoh balls to make and to eat, and whether they are light and fluffy or not is up to us.

Aunt Yente wishes all her kinderlach a happy, and a sad, and *takke* a useful Yom Kippur; and that all should be written and sealed into life.

—Aunt Yente

Aunt Yente will answer all your questions about Jewish law and ritual matters. Just write to Aunt Yente in care of the *Forward*, 220 Danvers at Caselli, San Francisco, CA 94114. All material © 1986 Congregation Sha'ar Zahav.

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Bill Schlichter, in memory of his grandmother, Estella Mantey
Susan Greenspan, in honor of Women's Havurah

Prayerbook Fund

Mark Mendelow & Dennis Moribe, in memory of David Kotch
Jyl Cohen, in memory of her beloved sister, Wendy Beth Cohen

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John Arnold & Jon Funk, in honor of Eric Keitel & Aaron Cooper's anniversary
Don Albert, in honor of Leila & Catherine's 11th anniversary
Russell Kassman, wishing a speedy recovery to Walt Leiss

Torah Fund

Don Albert, get well to Walt Leiss; in memory of David Kotch

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Choose Life (Continued from page 3)

as the mitzvah to ensure life. To give life to our Congregation is to give *chai*—18. However, for each of us, the mystical connection between *chai* and 18 differs, because for each of us the realities of *chai* differ. For some of us, providing the food and shelter we need to live takes a great deal of our finances. So to give life to the Congregation may be simply to give single-*chai*—\$18. Others of us find that, after providing for the necessities, we can provide for others more easily and more abundantly. So *chai* is perhaps a multiple of 18, say \$36 or \$54 or even \$1800. Whatever our circumstances, each of us can give *chai* in some way to ensure the life of the Congregation. As Herzl said in another context, those who can give, must give, to ensure that all will be able to give.

At Sha'ar Zahav, our tradition is never to dictate how much you must give. We do, however, follow the old Jewish tradition of providing guidelines for determining what your gift might be. At High Holiday Services, there will be pledgecards with a guide to giving *chai*. This is done to help you translate the mystical meanings of *chai* into your own real interpretation.

Income Level	Chai Could Mean
\$10-20,000	\$18
\$20-30,000	\$36
\$30-40,000	\$54
\$40-50,000	\$72
\$50-60,000	\$90
\$60,000 and more	\$108 and more

Please note that your sense of *tzedakah* may be more wonderful and fly higher and freer than this guide suggests. For all our sakes, let it soar!

Remember! Our High Holiday services cost Sha'ar Zahav 400 times *chai*—about \$7000. If 400 people give single-*chai*, we can almost cover the basic costs. But 1000

people attend our services. Can you imagine if 1000 people give *chai* according to their own meaning of *chai*? Not unreasonable! Not impossible! With such an affirmation of life, with such gifts of *chai*, we can not only underwrite our holiday services for our community, but enliven our adult education programs, enrich our social action commitment, reprint our prayerbooks, build an ark, increase our library, and so much more. Our small shul on Danvers will then radiate with the light of *tzedakah* which will be seen by the entire community—not just on the High Holidays, but during the entire year.

This year let us choose life together in all its meanings, traditions and significance.

L'shanah tovah!

—David Stein

Anniversaries

- 5 Beth & Ellen
- 12 Terry Rothchild & Lynn Taylor
- 12 Alex Ingersoll & David Stein
- 22 Stephen Walters & David Marks
- 29 Abigail Abbuehl & Deborah Lieberman
- 29 Bill Goldstein & Christopher Archuleta
- 31 Lynn Alcorn and Robert W.

Oneg Sponsors

During August, onegs were sponsored by the following generous people:

- 1 Women's Havurah
- 8 Ron Lezell, in honor of John Golebowski's 81st birthday
- 15 Michael McCormick & Lawney Baldwin, in honor of Mirtha's birthday
- 22 Sam Thal, in honor of Frank Hyman's birthday

All you have to do to sponsor an Oneg is to think of the occasion and contact the synagogue office (861-6932). The cost of sponsoring an Oneg is approximately \$50 (partial sponsorship available) or you can also provide the food, flowers, etc. for a more personal touch.

Yahrzeits

Raymond Watson, spiritual father of Peter Abinanti

- 1 Tobias Rothstein, great grandfather of Bruce Katz
- 2 (28 Elul) Frieda Fine Goldstein, mother of Bill Goldstein
- 2 Morris Landesman, grandfather of Jonathan Goldman
- 3 David Lawrence, friend of Richard Inlander
- 4 (1 Tishri) Rose Richshater, grandmother of Sherie Ann Koshover
- 5 (2 Tishri) Philip Yanofsky, father of Allen Harris
- 8 (5 Tishri) Esther Toporek, grandmother of Elliott Toporek
- 11 Gussie Lee Glass, mother of Barbara Nabors-Glass
- 11 Ida Goldware, grandmother of Robert Goldware
- 14 (11 Tishri) Lena Witt, grandmother of Sue Witt
- 14 (11 Tishri) Jacob Leiss, father of Walt Leiss
- 14 Kathryn Kihm, best friend of Abigail Abbuehl
- 15 Abraham Siegel, grandfather of Barry Siegel
- 16 Peter Agosto, friend of Bill Ashley-Dobbin
- 17 Steven Pines, brother of Deborah Pines
- 20 (17 Tishri) Rabbi Ben Marcus, member of the Congregation
- 20 Josephine Tinnin, great-great aunt of Lisa Daniel
- 21 Osna Frischman, mother of Ralph Frischman
- 21 Lee Rothchild, friend of Deborah Pines
- 24 Dora Spiro, grandmother of Shelley Spiro
- 27 (24 Tishri) Nathan Ogus, father of Irene Ogus
- 31 Mary Plamator, aunt of Dana Vinicoff

Note: Yahrzeits will be read at services on the Friday preceding the Yahrzeit date.

Please,

don't forget our brothers in need. Keep filling the shul's collection baskets with non-perishable food and other household items for the SF AIDS Foundation's residence program

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Services are held every Friday evening beginning at 8:15 p.m., with an Oneg Shabbat following services. Services are generally held on the last Saturday of each month at 10:30 a.m. — check calendar for each month.

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The Synagogue Office is open Tuesday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Wednesday and Thursday, 2 p.m. to 7 p.m., and Friday, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. At other times, please leave a phone message.

Emergency Number: In an emergency, the Congregation can be contacted outside of office hours by calling 420-9718.

Congregation Sha'ar Zahav is located in the Upper Market District of San Francisco at 220 Danvers at Caselli, which is one block south of the intersection of 18th & Market Streets. By public transport, take MUNI bus 33 Ashbury to 18th & Danvers and walk one block south on Danvers to Caselli.

Simchat Torah Rally For Soviet Jewry

The annual Simchat Torah Street Fair and Rally for Soviet Jewry will take place on Sunday, November 2, at the Soviet Consulate, 2790 Green Street, San Francisco. The rally itself will be held from 11 am to noon and will include speakers and entertainment. The rally and street fair are co-sponsored by the Bay Area Council for Soviet Jews and the several Jewish Community Relations Councils of the Bay Area.

This annual event lets us remember our Jewish sisters and brothers in the Soviet Union by rallying and celebrating in their honor on one of the few holidays which they are permitted to openly celebrate. We urge everyone to come to the Soviet Consulate to let both Soviet Jews and the Soviet government know that we will continue to press for freedom for all Jews in the Soviet Union. For more information, contact BACJS at 585-1400 or JCRC at 957-1551.

World Congress in Boston

This year, Boston was the site of the annual Board of Directors meeting of the World Congress of Gay and Lesbian Jewish Organizations. Sha'ar Zahav was represented by Dana Vinicoff, our delegate for the past year, and Nancy Snow, our alternate delegate. CSZ member Aaron Cooper, Executive Director of the Congress, was also present, and reported on the work of the Congress over the past year.

The meeting began with a reception at Boston's City Hall, at which a City Council resolution of welcome was read by Councillor David Scondras.

The Board passed two resolutions unanimously. The first expressed concern over the election of ex-Nazi Kurt Waldheim as Chancellor of Austria. The second, addressed to the United States Supreme Court, condemned the recent decision upholding Georgia's anti-sodomy law, while applauding the four justices

who voted in the minority.

The Congress was very excited to learn that the 10th International Conference of Gay and Lesbian Jews, which is to be held in Amsterdam on July 3-5, 1987, will be subsidized by the Government of the Netherlands. Sjalhomo, the national lesbian/gay group, is doing the planning. We hope as many CSZ members as possible will attend.

The World Congress is proceeding with incorporation and the obtaining of tax-exempt status. Its two major projects this year will be to produce a brochure describing the World Congress and its functions, and to create a speakers bureau.

The World Congress also hopes to expand its financial base by seeking the enrollment of individuals as Friends of the Congress. Enrollment begins at \$18, and includes subscriptions to the World Congress *Digest* for persons enrolling and five of their friends.

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